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**Office Action Summary**

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Douglas W. Owens

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**Period for Reply**

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**Status**

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on \_\_\_\_.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☒ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3, 5, 6 and 9-12 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 4, 7 and 8 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 02 August 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- \* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 8/3/04.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. \_\_\_\_.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_.

## **DETAILED ACTION**

### ***Claim Objections***

1. Claims 4, 7 and 8 are objected to because of the following informalities:

Claim 4 recites the limitation, "...further comprising a third shielding layer...", while there is no mention of a first and second shielding layer. The phrase "third shielding layer" should be replaced with "first shielding layer" or the claim should depend from claim 3 instead of claim 1.

In claim 7, the phrase "...those devices being high-frequency devices according to claim 1..." should be deleted, and "A high-frequency device according to claim 1, further comprising" should be inserted before "A high-frequency device module" in line 1.

Claim 8 recites the limitation, "a second shielding layer" in line 3, while there is no mention of a first shielding layer. The phrase "a second shielding layer" should be replaced with "a first shielding layer" or, the claim should depend from claim 2 instead of claim 1.

Appropriate correction is required.

### ***Allowable Subject Matter***

2. Claims 1 – 3, 5, 6 and 9 – 12 are allowed.
3. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: The prior art of record does not teach, alone or in combination, a high-frequency device wherein "a first electrically conductive post corresponding to said power source has a first diameter; a second electrically conductive post corresponding

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to the input of said input amplifier has a second diameter which is less than said first diameter; and a third electrically conductive post corresponding to the output of said output amplifier has a third diameter which is larger than said second diameter." The prior art does not teach a high frequency device module, as claimed, wherein "the height of the electrically conductive posts of the second high-frequency device is larger than the height of the electrically conductive posts of the first high-frequency device."

### ***Conclusion***

4. This application is in condition for allowance except for the following formal matters:

The claim objections noted above.

Prosecution on the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

A shortened statutory period for reply to this action is set to expire **TWO MONTHS** from the mailing date of this letter.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Douglas W. Owens whose telephone number is 571-272-1662. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Eddie C. Lee can be reached on 571-272-1732. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Douglas W. Owens". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Douglas W Owens  
Examiner  
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